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*Dr. Mark A. Eastridge  
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## **Petition for Reconsideration**

***CC Docket No. 02-6***

***E-Rate Appeal Filed Electronically via the FCC ECFS System***

August 25, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE:** Request for Review DA No. 16-860  
Denial on Form 471 Application 958961, FRN 2613296

**Applicant/Organization Name:** South Harrison Community School Corporation

**BEN:** 130536

**Form 471 Application Number:** 958961

**FRN:** 2613296

**Funding Year:** 2014

**Billed Entity FCC RN:** 0011973724

**Service Provider:** Frontier North, Inc. (SPIN): 143004791

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a Petition for Reconsideration of the denial for an Invoice Deadline Extension Request that was issued as part of DA No. 16-860 dated August 1, 2016 in connection with FRN 2613296 on FCC Form 471 Application Number 958961.

### **Reasons for Reconsideration:**

1. Special Circumstance - The South Harrison Community School Corporation, in the fall of 2015, reorganized corporation office staff assignments. The Director of Business Operations was assigned the additional duty of overseeing all matters concerning Erate invoicing. It is unreasonable to believe there was enough time between the reorganization and the invoicing deadline for the Director of Business Operations to receive the type of comprehensive training required to successfully understand and fully implement Erate invoicing protocols. The Director of Business Operations has many oversight and direct responsibilities to assure the business functions of the school corporation are aligned with all federal, state, and local requirements.

2. Service Provider Delays Beyond the Applicant's Control – The service provider did not contact the school corporation until January 25, 2016, to inform the corporation of an invoicing issue. The service provider was aware there was an issue before the deadline of October 28, 2015, but failed to file an invoice deadline extension in a timely manner. South Harrison Community School Corporation does not believe the FCC should penalize the school corporation for the gross negligence by the service provider by denying the Invoicing Deadline Appeal.

*The mission of South Harrison Community School Corporation is to create an environment which develops, nurtures and reinforces the success of students as well as all people served by the corporation. Further, through the shared involvement of home, community and school, our purpose is to develop and provide quality work to prepare each student to think, reason and participate in a diverse society as a lifelong, self-directed learner.*

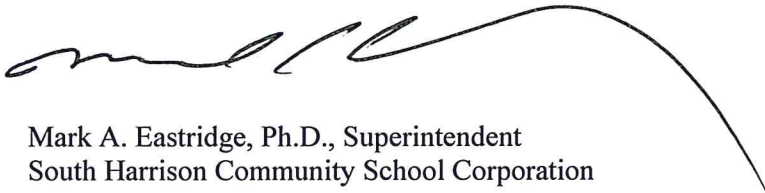
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3. Public Interest - The South Harrison Community School Corporation believes an extraordinary circumstance exists to warrant a deviation from the FCC general rules, and such deviation would better serve the public interest than strict adherence to the general rules. The amount the school corporation is asking to be restored is \$21,334.11. With the FCC reporting an ever increasing amount of uncommitted excess funds, which approximately exceeds 2 billion dollars to support Erate, it seems reasonable for the FCC to approve this Petition of Reconsideration. In addition, there is no evidence of waste, fraud or abuse, misuse of funds, or a failure to adhere to core program requirements.

I respectfully request the Invoice Deadline Extension Request be approved that will provide time for the processing issues between the service provider and school corporation to be resolved and the requested funding for FRN 2613296 be fully restored so that South Harrison Community School Corporation will receive full benefit of approved Erate funds for FY 2014.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark A. Eastridge', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark A. Eastridge, Ph.D., Superintendent  
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